



Focus on November 2023



A Very Special Birthday Party

The **Methodist** Church 

WELCOME TO WESLEY CHAPEL

We are open for Sunday Morning Worship, 10.30am, see p3 for details of our services.

The Nidd Valley Circuit presents a weekly pre-recorded worship, TED Talk style. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/NiddValley/>

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WHAT'S ON AT WESLEY

SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER 10.30am. Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev. Trevor Dixon.

MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER 1pm. Lunchtime Recital. See p20 for details

THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2pm. Wesley Fellowship. *Blind Man's Buff*. Speaker Frank Ellis.

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER. Coffee will be served from 10.30am followed by a short service of reflection and to mark Remembrance Sunday with 2 minutes silence at 11am. The Civic Service at the Cenotaph will be followed by a service at approximately 11.15am.

6pm. Wesley Sunday Share via Zoom. (Link will be sent out or contact Les or Judith).

FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER 10am. Online Coffee Morning. (Link will be sent out, or contact Les or Judith).

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 10.30am Morning Worship. Local arrangement. We are pleased to welcome Rt. Revd. Paul Hooper to lead our service.

SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER 10.30am

10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev. Peter Whittaker.

6pm Wesley Sunday Share via Zoom (Link will be sent out or contact Les or Judith)

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER 10.30am. Morning Worship with Holy Communion. Rev. Gillian Robertson.

TUESDAYS

10.30am to 1pm. Wesley Wheelie Welcome Café/Warm Welcome. Come and join us for a chat. Refreshments will be served. (Please note there will not be a Welcome Café on 14 November).

NIDD VALLEY CIRCUIT OCTOBER ONLINE TALKS. SUNDAY 9AM

05 Nov – Sue Whalley. 12 Nov – Leslie Newton. 19 Nov – Leslie Newton. 26 Nov – Leslie Newton.

SENIOR STEWARD REFLECTION

In late 2020 it was accepted that the Wesley Centre and Wesley Chapel would have an overlap of both Mission and Vision with a change of emphasis around service in the community and worship. I feel it is worthy of a reminder:

1. *“The Wesley Centre - a place in the community, for the community”*

Mission

Our mission is that the Wesley Centre will be developed as a place that is open to town centre communities every day of the week and become recognised as a friendly place of welcome, acceptance, support and refreshment; a place where the presence of God can be encountered.

Vision

We want the Wesley Centre to be part of Harrogate life – to create a space for people to connect; become a place of meeting between sacred and secular and where faith and spirituality means relationship and kindness.

2. *“Wesley Chapel - a worshipping church in the community, for the community”*

Mission

To be a place of continuous personal flourishing and fulfilment for all, enabled through the fellowship and friendship of Christian Love and Concern.

Vision

A worshipping community where all feel valued, find welcome, acceptance, renewal, refreshment and resource, a place where the presence of God may encourage a journey of faith, spiritual growth and service.

During 2023, there is once again a supportive and respectful culture that enables our joint mission and vision to be clearly focused upon.

The Circuit is also reviewing its focus and encouraging all churches to have ‘Jesus at the Centre of all we do’ as an enabler towards building flourishing communities. .

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At Wesley Chapel we will continue to focus on 'Our Calling' and 'A Methodist Way of Life' to guide our mission and vision activity, with 'Jesus at the Centre of all we do',

During our 'Conversation on the Work of God' during our Church Council meeting, (we were) encouraged and thankful that through God's Grace we continue to 'respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission'.

We welcome Rev Gordon Hay as our minister and we look forward to his guidance, support, challenge and worship amongst us.

Thank-you for your continued support and prayers for the worship and mission life of Wesley. **Every blessing. Les.**

PASTORAL REPORT

In the Methodist Church website I found this comment: 'Remember we are all growing older! Our need for affection, for personal dignity and for acceptance by others increases rather than diminishes with the passing of the years'.

I also received a note recently that said: 'Thank-you for keeping mum in touch with Wesley. When reading your latest letter mum and I had a conversation about the Wesley Centenary celebrations in 1962 which we both remember.... thank you again for maintaining the contact, it means a lot to her and to the family'.

Wesley folk continue to offer their love to each other and especially to the older members of our family, some who no longer make it to church.

Our weekly café, monthly Focus magazine, monthly Zoom coffee gathering, twice a month Wesley Sunday Share and monthly Fellowship meeting keep us connected and our Pastoral team plays a vital role in enabling everyone to stay 'together'.

In-memory. Four of our members died during the last year: Mrs Betty Bratley, Mr Peter Flower, Mrs Betty Taylor, Mr Malcolm Wood. We give thanks for their faithful service to Wesley Chapel and the wider community of which they were a part.

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Pastoral Report continued.

Community Roll October 2022 = 78. Members were 45.

During the last year 4 members died, 2 members transferred in and 1 ceased to meet.

Members at October 2023 = 42.

Adherents at October 2022 were 33 and during the year 5 were added and 7 removed. Adherents as October 2023 = 31.

Community Roll October 2023 = 73, an overall reduction of 5.

I would like to close my report with this prayer: "God of unimaginable love, we give you thanks and praise. In the love that inspires our worship, in the love of which we would learn more, in the love we share in our caring, we give you thanks and praise. Amen".

Thank-you to all of you that support and care for all connected to Wesley Chapel and beyond! **Every blessing. Christine Sudron**

Feedback

This message was sent to the organisers following our Heritage Weekend Open Day: ***Wesley Chapel, Harrogate. Beautiful music orchestrated and a lovely lunch, with some heritage information about the history of the church and those who died in the First World War and remembered by the church.***

Circuit Away Day

A Circuit Away Day is planned for Saturday 18 November to discuss the need for the Circuit to be prepared for the coming few years, in response to expected staffing and lay people resources available. Senior Stewards and Treasurers from each church have been invited. Les and Mike will represent Wesley Chapel. Shelagh and Judith will also be attending in their roles of Circuit Steward and Circuit Meeting Secretary.



WESLEY FELLOWSHIP



Methodist Women
in Britain

Programme for 2023

11/05 *Royal Quiz - led by Shelagh Outhwaite.*
08/06 *My Ancestor was a Missionary - led by Judith Yeats.*
13/07 - *Games Day - afternoon playing different games.*
0/08 - *Name that picture/photograph - led by Lynne Harvey.*
14/09 - *Harrogate's forgotten composer - led by Andrew Hitchen.*
12/10 - *Beetle Drive .*
09/11 - *Blind Man's Buff.* Speaker Frank Ellis.
14/12 - *'Tis the Season'.* A Celebration of Christmas.

Leadership team: Shelagh, Mike, Judith, Lynne, Les, Mary and Frank.
Happy Wanderer transport Co-ordinator: Les (797406)
Happy Wanderer driver: Colin (07875 555807)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 12 December. Shoppers Carol Service. Coffee from 10.30am. Carol Service at 11am.

Saturday 16 December. Christmas café and stalls. Circuit steel band will perform at 2pm.

Sunday 17 December. 10.30am. Wesley Chapel Carol Service. Led by Deacon Gary Hoare.

Sunday 24 December. Sunday Morning Christmas Eve Service. Rev. Gordon Hay. (Time to be arranged, either 10am or 10.30am).

Sunday 24 December. 6pm. Christmas Eve Service. Local arrangement.

Sunday 25 December. 10.30am Christmas Day Morning Service, led by Mike Greenberg.

Sunday 14 January 2024 10.30am. Covenant Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Gordon Hay.

Sunday 28 April. Annual Church Meeting, following Morning Worship.

We are like books. Most people only see our cover, the minority read only the introduction, many people believe the critics. Few will know our content." — Émile Zola

IN LOVING MEMORY

We were sad to lose our dear friend Malcolm Wood, who bravely overcame ill health during the past few years.

Malcolm left school at the age of 13 and was taken on as an apprentice by Leeds Corporation Gas Company after his 14th birthday. On finishing his apprenticeship he was called up for National Service and served in the Yorkshire Light Infantry. He was stationed in Berlin, and guarded Spandau prison. He also had the opportunity to travel further and enjoyed the comradery of his fellow service men, several of whom he would meet in later life. In between times he was very keen on all kinds of sports and was regularly chosen to represent his regiment at cricket, rugby and hockey. He also played badminton to a very high standard.

Wesley has been the spiritual home of Malcolm and Anita for the past 44 years. During that time they have both played an active role in the life of the church. Malcolm has served as a steward, always supported the choir and played the organ at the Forward Together lunch club on Thursdays. He also became an active member of Harlow Men's Forum both speaking and introducing other speakers to the group.

Malcolm had a huge appetite for life—including a love of good food. Only a few weeks ago he and Anita were making trips to Fodder's and Betty's for breakfast treats, where staff got to know them as frequent visitors, Malcolm on his motorised wheelchair which helped him get around in recent years. The Wetherby Whaler was a huge favourite too.

Malcolm and Anita were adventurous in their culinary tastes with many of their friends enjoying the Chinese banquets which they would cook together, Malcolm developed a reputation for his mushroom soup, which was always enjoyed by Wesley folk and Malcolm would happily share the recipe.

Their adventurousness didn't end there. Their holiday travels took them far and wide, whether snorkelling in the Red Sea, visiting Cape Canaveral space centre or Greek island hopping, when most couples would have retired to their sunbeds long before.

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In loving memory of Malcolm continued.

Malcolm had a passion for music that started in early adulthood. Many will remember his powerful voice singing hymns so beautifully—a voice which was likened to Harry Secombe who had such a wonderful tenor voice.



Malcolm made a wonderful Santa Claus, mainly in schools and at Christmas parties, which he greatly enjoyed, with children being naturally awestruck to meet the 'real' Santa.

Malcolm lived in Yorkshire practically all his life and this, combined with his willingness to talk to anyone—at an event, at church, even at the bus stop—meant that he liked nothing more than to regale friends and family with stories of his childhood, his travels around Yorkshire with his job. Not for nothing was Alan Bennett one of his favourites. Malcolm could often be heard laughing at Bennett's short stories - stories which often reflected his own life.

Perhaps the memory that most of us at Wesley remember is Malcolm's willingness to share stores from his life and work, many of which were full of his great sense of humour.

Extracted from Eulogy by Rev. Trevor Dixon

Malcolm leaves behind a loving wife Anita, two daughters, Elaine and Yvonne, three granddaughters, Abigail, Frances and Bridget, six great grandchildren, three stepsons, Andrew, Douglas and Richard and three step-grandsons, Luka, Jack and Adam. .

Thank you

Thank you so much for all the cards, flowers and calls at this sad time in my life. The Wesley family has been such a great support and comfort. Trevor has been absolutely marvellous support and been a great help. I certainly feel the love. Thanks once again to you all. Anita.



A VERY SPECIAL BIRTHDAY PARTY

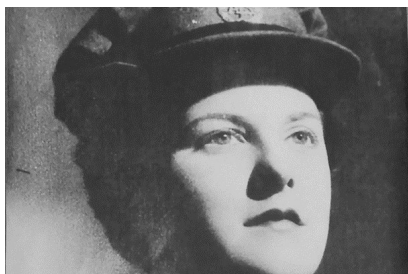
Our friend Sheila Pantin celebrated her 100th birthday on 21 October, and a few of her Wesley friends attended a celebration at St. Peter's the following Monday. It was a really happy occasion and Sheila was as energetic and bright as usual.

Sheila has been busy recently, opening a special exhibition to mark the 100th anniversary of the town's war memorial and speaking at some of the events that have taken place.

Sheila was a regular attendee at our book club and she often related stories of her interesting and adventurous life. She was a driver of army ambulances and staff during the Second World War and is thought to be the first British service woman to have entered Belsen concentration camp on its liberation. She was also a 'poster girl' for the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS) and met the then Princess Elizabeth, the future Queen, who was also an ATS ambulance driver.

Sheila travelled widely both in the UK and abroad and continued to work for the Army after the war: posted to Germany during the Cold War; Northern Ireland during the Troubles; and to the British military base in Belize, and the Gurkhas in Hong Kong. She also worked at the Army Apprentices College and eventually retired in 1984.

If you google Sheila Pantin Harrogate you can find lots more stories on Stray Ferrett, Yorkshire Post and Harrogate Advertiser websites. She's certainly had a very busy few weeks in the media.



Poster Girl



Celebrating at St. Peter's

In Memory Service

A special 'In Memory Service' was held on Sunday 22 October, in which we remembered those of our church family who had died during the past year, led by our minister Gordon. Candles were lit by family (or representatives), and then the congregation were invited to light a candle for their lost loved ones. It was a meaningful and very special occasion and much appreciated by those who were present.



Wheelie Welcome Cafe

Les writes: At (a recent) Tuesday 'Wheelie Welcome' café a young couple walked in. They just wanted to have a look inside and they were from Denmark and Germany. During our conversation the young man commented on the organ. When asked if he played, he answered 'yes I do'. When asked if he would like to play it, he nearly burst with shock and joy! Forty-five minutes later after treating the café folk to some lovely organ music the couple went off saying that they would never forget their time in Wesley. Apparently, he was a professional organist and played regularly at his church in Denmark. What were their names I hear you ask, I cannot remember is my reply. It would be great if we could have our doors open more...

Sunday Share

Les read this poem to us in Sunday Share.

No Man is an Island'

No man is an island entire of itself; every man
is a piece of the continent, a part of the main;
if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe
is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as
well as any manner of thy friends or of thine
own were; any man's death diminishes me,
because I am involved in mankind.
And therefore never send to know for whom
the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.

John Donne

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



From Ulrike. At the beginning of October, Andrew and I spent a very enjoyable week in Cornwall with our friend Christa from Bonn. One day we took a boat from Falmouth to St. Mawes and walked on a beautiful path along the sea to a very peaceful church in St. Just in Roseland where the vegetation is particularly lush. Here are some photos.



Ulrike and Christa on our walk from St. Mawes to St Just in Roseland



View towards Falmouth



A Celtic cross in the graveyard of St Just in Roseland



St. Mawes Castle

Malcolm had a lovely visit to Helen in Southlands. At the same time Helen had another visitor, Hiten, a pupil of Helen's when she taught at Buttershaw. Malcolm writes: He came with his son Ayaan, and brought a wonderful hamper of sundry cordials and treats for his former teacher. He now lives in East London, and has been a teacher for twenty years, and wanted to visit the person, of whom he said, 'if in your life there's one person who has changed your life that one is ...'. He also said that he would never be able to teach in a school as difficult as that where he was Helen's pupil'. It was a very special occasion and Helen was so pleased to see him.



*Helen and Malcolm with former pupil Hiten and Beth and Cathy.
Photograph taken by Ayaan.*

Ayaan, Hiten Helen and Malcolm

Afterwards Hiten wrote to Malcolm: 'It was a real pleasure to meet all of you on Sunday. It was especially heartening for me to see (Helen) her after so long...she had such a good memory of events from such a long time ago. She truly is a very special person and her kindness and care will never be able to be truly expressed in words by myself. I'm glad Ayaan was able to meet her and family so he can see the enduring effect she has had on me'.

Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire.

William Butler Yeats

Church Family News continued.

Lynne shares. Joy and I spent a very happy weekend in Sheffield/ Derbyshire at the wedding of Georgina and Joe. Georgina is Joy's granddaughter and my great-niece.

The wedding took place at St. John's Church, Ranmoor. What a joy to have the blessing of a choir. We sang three well known hymns and the choir sang John Rutter's The Lord Bless you and keep you whilst Georgia and Joe signed the register.

The reception was held at Thornfield Hall near Bakewell.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH RANMOOR

Monty Python actor Michael Palin listed St John's as one of his 'top seven' favourite Churches in a speech to the National Churches Trust on account of it being the Church he was baptised in and regularly attended as a child. He describes fond memories of his Father being both a chorister and bellringer there.

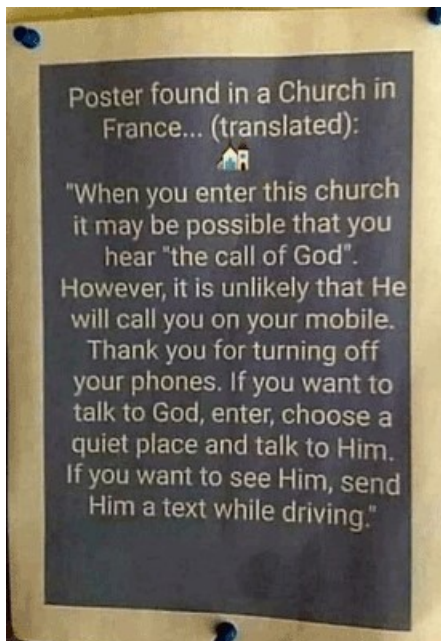
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St_John%27s_Church,_Ranmoor

HOLIDAY IN RHODES

Eileen and Ian went to Rhodes in September Apart from one spell of rain they had blue skies and lots of sunshine. Rhodes is a lovely island and there is lots to see and do. The pictures Ian has chosen were from a trip to Lindos. South of Lindos there was a lot of evidence of the wildfires that had devastated the south of the island earlier in the year.



Ulrike saw this while on holiday:



Desert Island Discs

This month Joy is our castaway, and here are her eight desert island discs.

True Love. by Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly
I will start with a happy choice which reminds me of washing dishes with my dear old dad when we used to sing this together. It is from the musical High Society.

Warsaw Concerto by Richard Addinsell and Roy Douglas. This concerto was written for the 1941 British film Dangerous Moonlight. I visited the cinema with a friend but it is a sad reminder of the atrocities of World War II.

Daydream Believer by The Monkees. I associate this choice with happy days of listening to the music of The Monkees with my son Stephen.

Let it Be – The Beatles. I was always a fan of The Beatles and this is one of their many songs which I like. Ask me tomorrow and I may well make a different choice.

A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square – Nat King Cole. Lyrics by Eric Maschwitz and music by Manning Sherwin. A simple, sentimental love song which I have always liked but more so since the wedding of my granddaughter Samantha and her husband Richard which took place at The Lansdowne Club near Berkeley Square. It also brings back happy memories of the 1951 Sci-fi fantasy film, The House on the Square, (also called I'll Never Forget You in the United States). It was adapted from the 1926 play Berkeley Square and starred Tyrone Power and Ann Blyth.

What'll I do When You Are Far Away – written by Irving Berlin. Sung by Frank Sinatra. Both Brian and I were fans of Frank Sinatra and this song was one of our joint favourites.

Forgotten Dreams by Leroy Anderson. A nod to the days when I played a potted version of this on the piano. I am always grateful to Barbara when she includes it in her repertoire on Tuesday mornings.



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Desert Island Discs continued.

1812 Overture by Tchaikovsky. Another firm favourite of Brian and myself and a happy reminder of the many visits we made to concerts at the Royal Festival Hall when we lived in London. If Brian knew this was on the programme he always made sure we had tickets!

Joy Blakey

Some great choices there Joy, thank you. I remember being hooked on 'What'll I do when you are far away' when it was on the soundtrack of the film The Great Gatsby. The 1974 one with Robert Redford! (Not sung by Frank Sinatra though!).

Next month our castaway will be Andrew McKenzie, who will be sharing his Desert Island Discs with us.

Desert Island Discs Most Popular

I found this interesting website listing the most popular choices over the years of Desert Island Discs. It is well worth a visit!

The most chosen piece of music was Handel's *Messiah*, selected by 119 castaways. Mozart was second and third with *The Marriage of Figaro* (111 castaways) and *The Magic Flute* (93); then Richard Strauss' *Der Rosenkavalier* (83), and Bach's *St Matthew Passion* (82),

The first non-classical disc is Edith Piaf's *Je ne regrette rien* in 27th place (48), some way ahead of Frank Sinatra's *My Way* and Louis Armstrong's *Wonderful World* (in joint 73rd place, with 28 castaways).

Although he wrote the most popular piece, Handel was only the 8th most popular composer, the leaders being Mozart (993 discs chosen), Beethoven (837) and Bach (805), some way ahead of Schubert (406) and Verdi (371). The Beatles were the most popular non-classical artist (296 discs, in 9th place overall), followed by Frank Sinatra (266, in 11th place), Louis Armstrong (142, 24th), Ella Fitzgerald and Noël Coward (both with 130, in joint 25th).

Gustar, A.J. 'Desert Island Discs' in Statistics in Historical Musicology, 18th April 2020, <https://musichistorystats.com/desert-island-discs/>.

WHO WAS TW CROSBY? By Andrew Hitchen

If you walk down Montpellier, you will see a number of shops whose entrances are in mosaic. As part of the mosaic you will find the following names: TW Crosby, L Salberg, AW Baker and J Sutcliffe. I think it is reasonable to assume that these were the original shop owners. I don't know what type of businesses these were, but I imagine that they were in a very good position to take advantage of the trade which came with the spa visitors.

If you look at the plaque in the entrance to Wesley, you will find the name TW Crosby. I assume that this is the same person as the shop owner on Montpellier. He is among the long list of people on the plaque who survived WW1. I don't know whether these people were regular attenders at Wesley, or whether they were part of the broader community which surrounded Wesley.

Amongst the people who survived and who are mentioned on the plaque are many who made a great contribution to the life of Wesley and whom some of us can still remember. For example, Norman Varey was a very active member of Wesley, and of the circuit as a local preacher. He was also Sunday School superintendent when I attended Sunday School, which took place on Sunday afternoon (at what is now Jinnah's) commencing at 2.45pm. Norman Varey was also manager at Hargreaves coal merchants on Albert Street, which I used to visit regularly with my mother when she ordered coal. No central heating in those days!

Another name on the plaque is Russell Shearer. He was President of the Methodist Conference in 1954, in succession to Donald Soper.

Another person mentioned on the plaque is JR Ogden, who was the founder (in 1893) of Ogden's Jewellers on James Street. He was superintendent of Wesley Sunday School, with my grandfather SG Hitchen as his assistant, who is also mentioned on the plaque. One who did not return, and whose name is on the plaque, is Walter Ogden (1897-1917). Walter Ogden is the subject of a talk which is being given at West Park URC on Wednesday, 8th November 2023 at 7pm as part of the events surrounding the centenary of the war memorial . Here is an extract from the centenary brochure:

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Who was T W Crosby? continued.

A TEENAGER AND HIS TANK NAMED HARROGATE

Robert Ogden [is] a great-great-great-nephew of 2nd Lieutenant Walter Ogden (1897-1917). A cache of correspondence and papers, discovered in the attics during the recent renovations of fifth generation jewellers 'Ogden of Harrogate', provides a fascinating insight into the experience of a front-line soldier killed in the Great War and the family he left behind. All four of company founder James Robert Ogden's sons went to war. While three returned home, Walter, the youngest, was fatally wounded in his tank at the Battle of Cambrai on 1st December 1917.

Also part of the events surrounding the centenary of the war memorial is a song recital by Helen Charlston (mezzo-soprano) and the pianist Joseph Middleton at Wesley Centre on 6th November 2023 at 1pm.

Andrew Hitchen



HARROGATE

Charles Dickens visited Harrogate in 1858 and described it as “the queerest place with the strangest people in it leading the oddest lives...”

In 2013, Harrogate beat the likes of Paris, Rome and Vienna to be named one of the World’s most romantic destinations by secretescapes.co.uk.

<https://artistscottages.co.uk/article/fun-facts-about-harrogate>

WESLEY CENTRE CONCERTS. SEASON 2023-2024 LUNCHTIME RECITALS

Mondays 1 - 2pm . Admission £10.00 unless otherwise specified



6 November 2023 Leeds Lieder Recital HELEN CHARLSTON (mezzo-soprano), JOSEPH MIDDLETON (piano). Music by Fanny Hensel, John Ireland, Mahler, Britten and Frank Bridge. Helen Charlston (3 New Generation Artist), was a soloist in a performance of *Elijah* at the 2023 BBC Proms. This will be our Leeds Lieder recital, which we hope will become an annual event in the Wesley Centre recital programme. The recital will also form part of the programme of events commemorating the centenary of the Harrogate war memorial.

4th December 2023 CHARLOTTE SALUSTE-BRIDOUX (violin) JOSEPH HAVLAT (piano). Programme: Fantasy in C, D934 - Schubert. Rondo Brillant in B minor, D895 - Schubert.

8th January 2024 MITHRAS TRIO (Current BBC Radio 3 NGAs) Programme will include Beethoven Trio in B flat major, Op.97 'Archduke'.

5th February 2024 JONATHAN LEIBOVITZ (clarinet) MACIEJ KULAKOWSKI (cello) ARIEL LANYI (piano). Beethoven & Brahms.

12th February 2024 JEAN—EFFLAM BAVOUZET (piano) Debussy, Massenet & Liszt.

4th March 2024 JEAN—PAUL GASPARIAN (piano) Programme to be confirmed.

13th May 2024 Artist to be confirmed

3rd June 2024 NICHOLAS DANIEL (oboe) HUGH WATKINS (piano) Programme to be confirmed.

1st July 2024 JAZZ CONCERT RICHARD WETHERALL TRIO

Wesley Concerts continued

EVENING CONCERTS

Saturdays 7.30pm. Tickets £18.00 (age 26 and under £8)



10th February 2024. SIR STEPHEN HOUGH (piano).
Programme Chaminade, Liszt, Chopin.



13th April 2024 ANGELA HEWITT (piano). Programme:
Bach, Mendelssohn. Shostakovich, Samuel Barber.

ALSO AT WESLEY

24 November at 7.30pm. Artur Haftman Piano Recital.
Internationally Acclaimed Concert Pianist Artur Haftman, Winner of
25 International Competitions, Co-founder and Artistic Director of
London International Chopin Competition and Artistic Director of
SIMA Classics Masterclass plays the music of Mozart and Chopin.

Admission £10. Students £5. Pay at the door.

To reserve tickets, please email simaclassics@gmail.com
Find out more about the artist at arturhaftman.com

NOVEMBER

'Fear not November's challenge bold. We've books and friends,
and hearths that never can grow cold. These make amends.'

Alexander L. Fraser

'November comes, and November goes. With the last red berries
and the first white snows. With night coming early and dawn
coming late, and ice in the bucket and frost by the gate. The fires
burn, and the kettles sing, and earth sinks to rest until next
spring.'

Clyde Watson, Frost by the Gate

WHAT'S ON AT OUR OTHER CHURCHES

Bilton Methodist Amblers. The next walk is Saturday 11 November. All walks start on the car park of Bilton Area Methodist Church where we meet to arrange transport at 9.30. Winter walks generally about 4-6 miles and normally end at a cafe or pub for food. All welcome. If interested please contact Janet Allen, 01423 524634, E-mail janetallen09@btinternet.com

Additional walks: Saturday 9 December; Saturday 13 January; Saturday 10 February; Saturday 9 March.

Bilton. We have available places for people to join Bilton Area Methodist lunch club on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month (or just one of the dates). The meal is a balanced 3 course meal consisting of mains, dessert then followed by cheese and biscuits and tea or coffee. Cost £5.50 or £6 if you need a lift. Contact Julie Dekanski 07713 822832 or Ann Ellis 01423 503840 if interested.

4th Nov 10 to 11.30am Coffee Morning with bacon butties and raffle.

25 Nov. 10am to 3pm. Christmas Fayre.

Gracious Street Monthly coffee morning, in The Bridge on the 4th Saturday of the month, 10am-12 noon - Each month will support a different charity/good cause so please come and have a drink, cake and a chat.

Harlow Hill. Friday mornings 10.30am—12 noon. Little Beans baby and toddler sessions. Coffee/tea/squash and biscuits, £3.00 per family. Parents, grandparents, nannies, carers all welcome.

Park Grove.

Sunday 5th November, 10.45am Special Gift Day for New Heating System, Everybody Welcome.

Saturday 11th Nov, 2pm-5pm, Park Grove's "Fun Afternoon with Pie and Peas" .

Killinghall

Every Thursday, 11:30 - 14:00, Resurrected Bites

Last Saturday in the month 10.30 to 12 noon. Coffee Morning.

What's on at our other churches continued.

Starbeck. Concert Programme:

Saturday 11 November 7.30pm. Tewit Silver Band.

Saturday 2 December. 7.30pm. Northern Voices. Christmas carols, songs and readings

Entry £9 on the door. Refreshments served during the interval.

Trinity. Sunday 5 November 12noon—1pm. The Good Book Club. Philippians. Led by Rev. Moses John. Bring a packed lunch.

Woodlands

25 November 10am to 1pm. Christmas Coffee Morning. Christmas Cake, Coffee and Cake, Bacon Butties, Seasonal Stalls and Tombola.

Every Friday morning 8.45-10.00. (Term time only)

Toast Community Café - Welcomes anyone from the community, whether you have just dropped off children at school or are just passing by. We offer tea, coffee and toast and a place to sit and chat.

Woodlands Lunch Club - Come and join us for a home-made 3 course lunch every Friday at 12.15pm. (Term time only)

The club operates on a Pay as you Can basis. Transport may be available. If you would like to come along, please email revannebrown@gmail.com.

Pannal. Saturday 9 December 7.30pm. Harrogate Male Voice Choir. A Festive concert, followed by light refreshments. Tickets in advance: £10 (£12 on the night) Children 16 & under free. Tickets may be purchased in advance from Pannal Methodist Church:- pmctickets@gmail.com HMVC: Lawrie Coulthard :- Lawriecoulthard@hotmail.com Mobile:07905515492 Ian Brocket :- ian.brocket@ntlworld.com Mobile: 07837776406

AROUND AND ABOUT

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission. Saturday 25 November from 10am. Live lecture. Human Trafficking and Modern-Day Slavery. St Marks Church, Book on eventbrite. Local champions for IJM are Colin & Judith Ashurst:

colin.ashurst@gmail.com. *'Let it not be said that I was silent when they needed me.'* William Wilberforce

Around and About continued.

Commemorating the Centenary of Harrogate's War Memorial.

A project to match the 1163 names of those lost in 2 world wars with their stories. Our own Donald Simpson Bell is among them. There is an exhibition in West Park URC from 1 September to 12 November (Fridays and Saturdays from 10am to 4pm, and Sundays from 1pm to 5pm. Also there will be illustrated talks and film screenings at various locations.

For the full programme visit <https://thecenotaphcentenary.info/>

Harrogate Symphony Orchestra. Saturday 25 November 7.30pm. Royal Hall. We're delighted to welcome Artur Haftman as our guest soloist for our November concert,. The full programme will be:

- The Wasps Overture, Vaughan-Williams
- Piano Concerto No.4, Beethoven
- Symphony No.2, Sibelius

Nidderdale Messiah. A charity event for all who would like to sing or listen to Handel's Messiah. **Sunday 26 November.** Singers rehearsal at 1pm and performance at 4pm, at Holy Trinity Church, Knaresborough. This year's charity is Resurrected Bites.

Come and sing, or come and listen to the performance. <https://www.facebook.com/NidderdaleMessiah/>

Harrogate Choral Society and Harrogate Symphony Orchestra.

2 December at 6pm. Harrogate Convention Centre. Every year Harrogate International Centre fills with musicians young and old for The Christmas Event in Harrogate. Approximately 300 primary school children join forces with Harrogate Choral Society and Harrogate Symphony Orchestra in this family friendly concert. Tickets priced from £14 for adults, half price for students, and free for under 11s when accompanied by at least one adult..

Harrogate Choral Society. 9 December 7pm Royal Hall. Messiah.

Sarah Fox, Soprano, Gaynor Keeble, Mezzo, James Micklethwaite, Tenor Andrew Mayor, Bass, National Festival Orchestra. Conducted by David Lawrence. Tickets £25 and £18 with £5 tickets for under 16s and students. Ticket from Harrogate Box Office.

Holy Trinity Church, Ripon. Monday, 13th November 2023 (7.30pm) the Pelléas Ensemble will be giving a concert at Holy Trinity Church, Ripon as part of the 2023/2024 Ripon Concerts Chamber Series.

NET ZERO

The Yorkshire North & East Methodist District is committed to climate change and has hired (with funding from various sources), a net zero officer. Tim O'Brien is the first net zero officer in a Methodist district.

The Wesley Centre Management Team is taking this subject seriously. The first thing to do when starting a net zero journey as a church is to assess the building, an absolutely necessary step before doing any work. The management team has agreed to invite Tim to one of its meetings soon to start us on our journey. Whilst going the net zero route can be an expensive step and difficult for us to fund, we are hoping that Tim will help us to understand what can be improved and to advise us in applying for funding.

Tim's role is threefold: buildings, energy and teaching. Yorkshire North and East District has 250 buildings under its care, and Tim will be helping them to find the best pathway in their net zero journey, creating relationships with energy suppliers to negotiate tariffs and working with them and local communities to find sustainable options; and also providing support to churches.

Teaching climate justice and highlighting aspects of the Bible that people may have overlooked is an important part of Tim's work. Changing perspective brings an awareness of creation. 'Our responsibility to creation is central to the Bible. After the flood, when God is talking to Noah, he makes a covenant not just with Noah, but with all the animals because they are important to him. Animals are not just there for our convenience, they have a value of their own beyond us', explains Tim. With his wife, Sam, they teach creation care gently, mixing theology and science and encouraging churches and their members to adopt different ways of doing things.

The Methodist Conference set an aspirational target for net zero in 2030. Further examination found that the district could not be net zero by then, but could meet a 2040 deadline, whilst still hoping to get about 80 percent of the work done before 2030.

The Management Team is looking forward to Tim's visit and is eager to get started so that we at Wesley can do our bit for the environment.

Judith Yeats

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/news/the-methodist-blog/property-and-prophecy-meet-tim-obrien-the-net-zero-officer-of-the-yorkshire-north-east-district/>

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



Remembered still those souls who tried
To save the world, but many died.
A moment stolen for a tear,
As we recall those unlive years.
The camaraderie that flew those souls back home to those they
knew,
And loved them dear and held them close
But for our sakes released to foes
The silence that they leave behind
Is space to calm the troubled minds of those they loved –
And can't rewind.
Again this day we give our thanks
For those returned from serving ranks
And them 'as gave it all away
Forever in our minds will stay.

Ernie Rowe (BFBS Broadcaster).



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for the work of the Deacon in the Circuit and his family, as things begin to get going. Pray for openings before and after Christmas. Pray for protection over him and his family.

God show us how to reconcile
each difference and fear,
that we might learn to love again
and dry the other's tear.

Rev. Dr Andrew Pratt

A prayer from the President and Vice-President of Conference

God of peace and compassion,
We pray for all impacted by the escalation in conflict in Israel-
Palestine
For all who are mourning
For all who are fearful, today, and for what may lie ahead
For all traumatised and re-traumatised by what they have
experienced.
Enable us to stand in solidarity with people of peace
May your Spirit bring peace and healing to your troubled world
Amen

Beauty for brokenness
Hope for despair
Lord, in the suffering
This is our prayer
Bread for the children
Justice, joy, peace
Sunrise to sunset
Your kingdom increase!

*God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame*

StF 693 v1 and chorus



Hills of the North Rejoice. Water colour by Malcolm Evison.

(Malcolm has merged two of his favourite paintings to form this image).